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1. FIRST SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL REACTION IN TURKISH CYPRIOT
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PRESS TO NIMETZ VISIT APPEARED IN AUGUST 31 PRO-OPPOSITION
HALKIN SESI WHICH CARRIED TWO EDITORIALS AGAINST VISIT.
ONE EDITORIAL INQUIRED BY WHAT RIGHT OR LEGAL AUTHORITY
COULD US INTERFERE IN AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF CYPRUS. SINCE
US HAD SHOWN INDIFFERENCE TO THE YEARS OF TURKISH CYPRIOT
SUFFERING AND SINCE US CONGRESSMEN CONTINUE TO NEED
VOTES OF GREEK AMERICANS, PURPOSE OF NIMETZ VISIT IS

TO EMPHASIZE US SUPPORT FOR GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE. SECOND EDITORIAL, HEADLINED (IN ENGLISH) "GO HOME NIMETZ," WAS EVEN MORE SKEPTICAL OF VALUE OF VISIT. EDITORIAL CONTENDS THAT US AND NATO HAVE LONG HAD IMPERIALIST DESIGNS ON CYPRUS AND TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION; THAT A FRAMEWORK FOR BEGINNING TALKS ALREADY EXISTS, I.E., MAKARIOS-DENKTASH AGREEMENT; AND THAT THEREFORE THERE IS NO NEED FOR US, NATO, THEIR REPRESENTATIVE NIMETZ NOR THEIR IMPERIALIST PLANS. THE PEOPLE SHOULD RAISE THEIR VOICES SAYING "GO HOME NIMETZ" OR OTHERWISE THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE "NIMETZES" COMING AND GOING.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS CONTINUED AUG 30 AND 31 TO GIVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO NIMETZ VISIT. LEFTIST EDITORIAL OPINION WAS TYPIFIED BY COLUMN IN SOCIALIST TA NEA, WHICH COMMENTED THAT "NEITHER GREEK CYPRIOTS NOR TURKISH CYPRIOTS TRUST THE AMERICANS," AND THAT ANY U.S. PROPOSALS OR PRESSURES SHOULD NOT BE DIRECTED AT CYPRUS BUT AT ANKARA. MODERATE RIGHT-WING OPINION WAS EXPRESSED BY DAILY AGON, WHICH WROTE THAT BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT SHARED MISGIVINGS AND UNEASINESS OVER NIMETZ VISIT, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF BITTER EXPERIENCE OF OTHER AMERICAN INITIATIVES SUCH AS "NOTORIOUS" CLIFFORD MISSION. HOWEVER, AGON COMMENTED, "LET US FIRST LISTEN TO NIMETZ. LET US SEE WHAT HE BRINGS. LET US CONSIDER CAREFULLY HIS PROBABLE SUGGESTIONS, AND SPEAK AFTERWARDS."
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